

One Hundred Sixth Congress  
of the  
United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday,  
the twenty-fourth day of January, two thousand*

An Act

To amend title 31, United States Code, to prohibit the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts issued on public money in the Treasury.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Social Security Number Confidentiality Act of 2000”.

**SEC. 2. OPEN DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT NUMBERS  
ON THE FACE OF GOVERNMENT CHECK MAILINGS  
PROHIBITED.**

Section 3327 of title 31 of the United States Code (relating to general authority to issue checks and other drafts) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” before “The Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(b) The Secretary of the Treasury shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that Social Security account numbers (including derivatives of such numbers) are not visible on or through unopened mailings of checks or other drafts described in subsection (a) of this section.”.

**SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITIONAL RULE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to all mailings of checks or other drafts issued on or after the date which is 3 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **PHASE-IN OF AMENDMENTS.**—Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Treasury shall commence procedures to gradually implement the amendments made by this Act in advance of the effective date described in subsection (a). Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter for each of the next 2 years, the Secretary shall transmit to each House of the Congress a report

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describing the manner and extent to which the requirements of the preceding sentence have been carried out.

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

*Vice President of the United States and  
President of the Senate.*